

**SUBJECT MATTER: Governor's Proposed FY 23 Budget Adjustments
H.B. #5037 AN ACT ADJUSTING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING
June 30, 2023**

**Independent Living Centers must have a
1 million dollars increase to
Properly Fund CT's Five Independent Living Centers
at \$1.75 Million**

Date: 2/23/2022

My name is Lisa Busker from East Haven, CT. and I am testifying today as an employee of one of the 5 Independent Living Centers, and I am requesting that the State of Connecticut increases funding to the Independent Living Centers by 1 million dollars.

I have been given the opportunity to work at one of the Independent Living Centers in West Haven as a Money Follows the Person Transition Coordinator.

Independent Living Centers assist people with disabilities who otherwise may have been overlooked or not able to access services they need. Independent Living Centers also help people with disabilities build the skills needed to live independently and navigate their community.

Working with many people with many different disabilities affords you the opportunity to grow along with the people we assist. However, not having the appropriate funding does not allow the Independent Living Centers to be able to assist the many people who need the assistance that the independent living Centers provide.

I am asking CT to increase its funding to the ILC's by 1million dollars for a total 1.75 million from CT.

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